

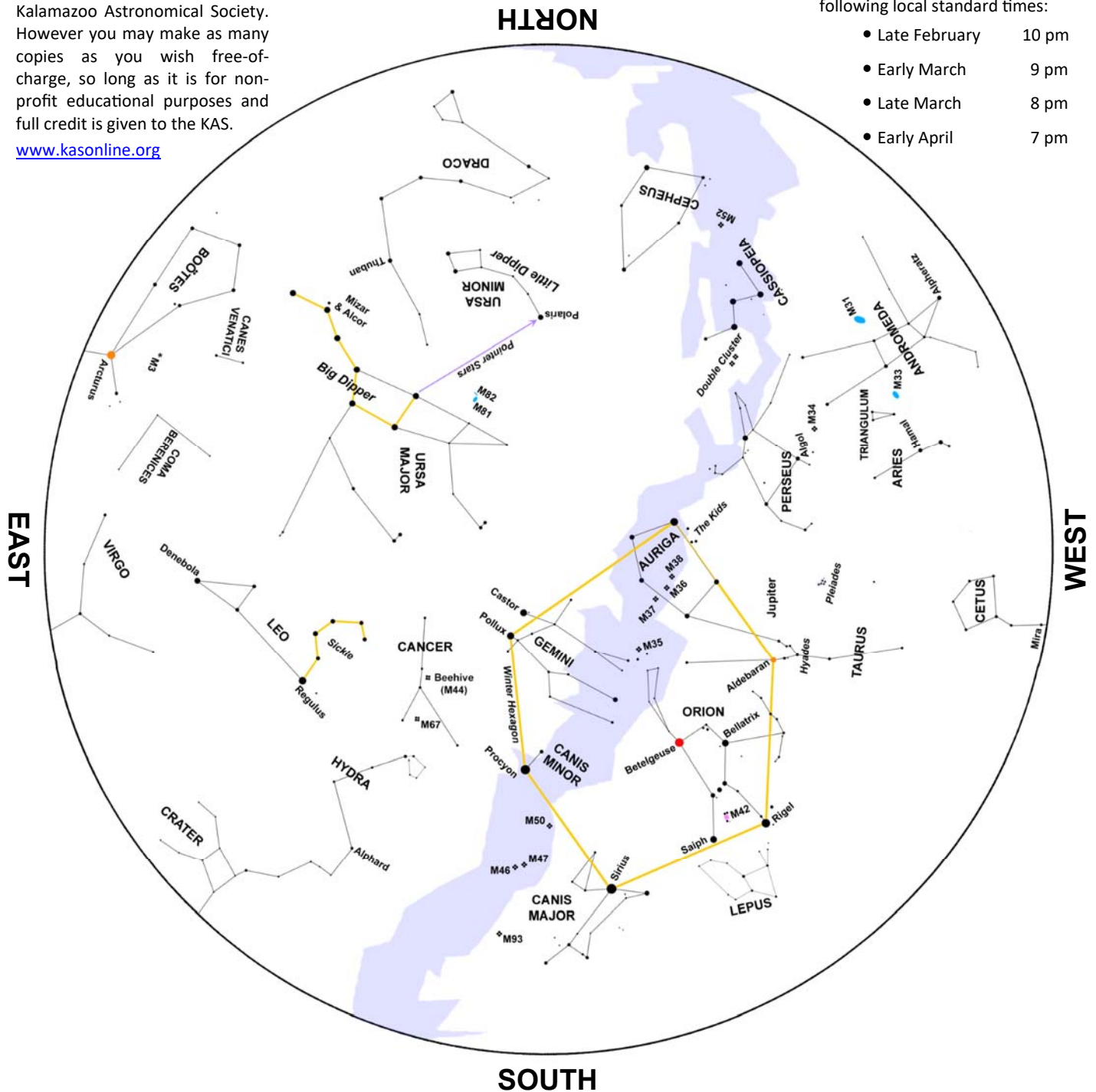
# — March Night Sky —

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This map represents the sky at the following local standard times:

- Late February 10 pm
- Early March 9 pm
- Late March 8 pm
- Early April 7 pm



The nearly Full Moon, which is  $2.5^\circ$  east of Regulus, forms a celestial arc with the planets Jupiter, Mars, and Saturn before dawn on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Moon sets in the western sky at 7:13 am, while Saturn can be found in the southwest above the Teapot asterism.

Only  $1^\circ$  separates inferior planets Venus

and Mercury on the evening of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Venus will be easy to spot in the western sky, but Mercury will be a challenge.

A waning gibbous Moon and Jupiter rise together in the east less than  $4^\circ$  apart shortly before midnight on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Moon, now a waxing crescent, will

be less than  $1^\circ$  from Aldebaran in Taurus on the night of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Viewing the pairing through binoculars will also give a pleasing view of the Hyades cluster.

Brilliant Venus and faint Uranus will only be  $4^\circ$  apart at dusk on March 28<sup>th</sup>. You'll need a pair of binoculars or a telescope to spot distant Uranus.